

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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controlled by a voltage potential of a gate above the first and second doped regions, wherein the protection device comprises no isolation structure between the first and second dope regions, and wherein only one path exists between the at least one of the pins and the power node through the substrate.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 23, 27-29, and 33-35 are amended; as a result, claims 1-7, 13, 17-29, and 33-35 remain pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-7, 13, 17-22, 27, and 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duvvury et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,493,133).

Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, and 29 are amended to further define the claims. Applicant believes that these claims, as amended, are patentable over Duvvury et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,493,133). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims be reconsidered and withdrawn and that these claims and the claims depending on these claims be allowed.

Claims 23-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duvvury et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,962,898).

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Claims 33-35 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,949,109) in view of Lin (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,122).

Claims 23-26 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duvvury et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,962,898).

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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